

NOTICE OF INTENT

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 741—Instructional Staff/Religion

In accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved for advertisement, the following amendments to Bulletin 741, *Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, Public and Nonpublic*.

Nonpublic School Standards

Amend Standard 6.016.15 to read:

"All members of the instructional staff teaching secular subjects, Pre-kindergarten through 12, shall have received a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution."

Add a procedural block after Standard 6.016.15 to read:

"Staff members teaching religion at the high school level (9-12) for Carnegie units must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree." Staff members teaching religion that do not meet minimum qualifications may be retained in a school provided they were employed during the 1995-96 school year as teachers of religion."

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After Standard 6.105.23 (course credit for religion) amend the following procedural block to read:

"A maximum of four units in religion shall be granted to students transferring from state-approved private and sectarian high schools. Those credits shall be accepted in meeting the requirements for high school graduation."

(NOTE: the standard currently allows two units.)

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Public School Standards

Standard 2.105.23 amended to read:

"A maximum of four units in religion shall be granted to students transferring from state-approved private and sectarian high schools who have completed such course work. Those credits shall be accepted in meeting the requirements for high school graduation."

(NOTE: the standard currently allows two units.)

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed policy until 4:30 p.m., April 10, 1996 to: Eileen Bickham, State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Public and Nonpublic Bulletin 741 Instructional Staff/Religion

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The estimated cost to state or local government units is \$100 to update and disseminate the changes to *Bulletin 741*.

BESE estimated cost for printing this policy change and first page of fiscal and economic impact statement in the *Louisiana Register* is approximately \$100. Funds are available.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The increase of the number of units in religion that may be transferred will be beneficial for students in private and sectarian schools.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

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